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Title: METHOD OF TREATING SPUTTERING

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TARGET TO REDUCE BURN-IN TIME AND SPUTTERING TARGET THEREOF

AND APPARATUS THEREOF

## **REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action issued April 11, 2005. The Examiner set a three-month period for response. A petition and authorization for a two-month extension of time are attached, making this Reply and Amendment due on or before September 11, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims appear on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks appear on Page 6 of this paper.